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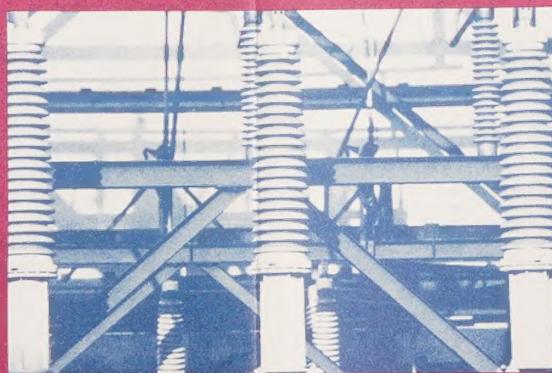
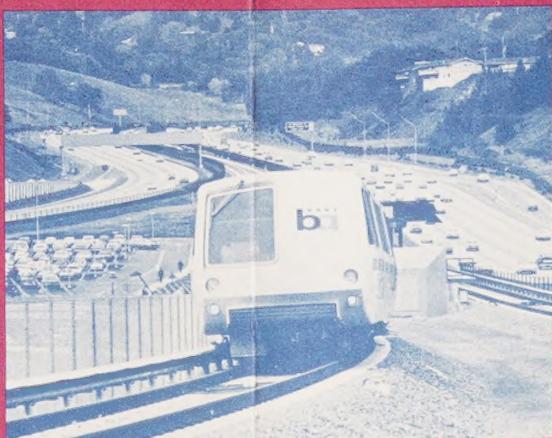


ASSOCIATION  
OF BAY AREA  
GOVERNMENTS

*Planning a Better Tomorrow . . . Today!*

## ABAG Is Helping to Improve the Quality of Life in the Bay Area:

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### Regional Planning

helping to maintain and improve the quality of life in the Bay Area by forecasting needs, monitoring change, and preparing regionwide plans to accommodate and shape growth for the benefit of all.

### Areawide Clearinghouse Review

reviewing local applications for federal funds to assure that proposed projects fit into state, regional and local plans. This prevents one community's plans from becoming another's problems, and helps avoid costly duplication. Currently, ABAG reviews about 1,300 applications a year, totalling almost \$2 billion.

### Energy

sharing ideas and techniques for energy conservation programs tailored to local needs.

### Transportation

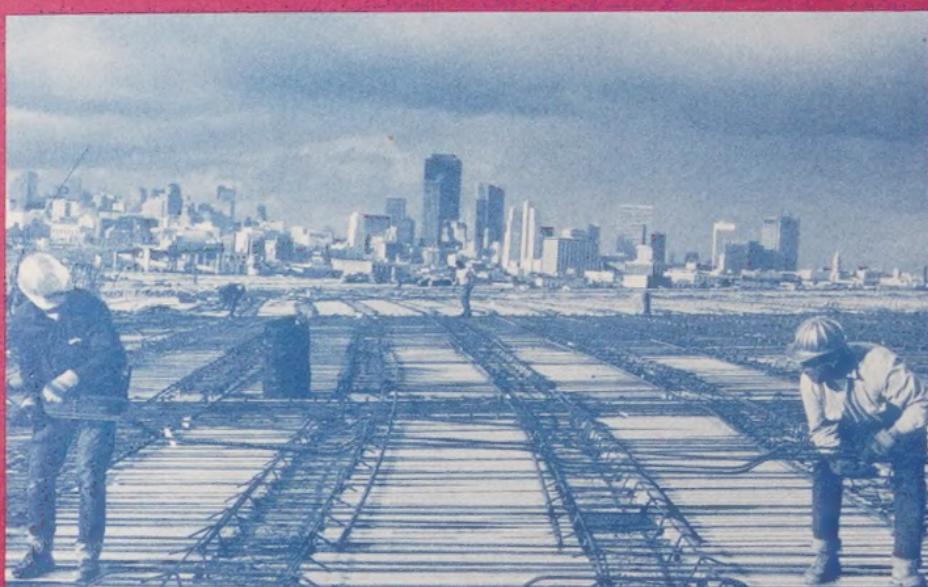
working with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and local organizations to coordinate transportation plans with other regional needs.

### Water Quality

providing guidelines and technical advice to local communities, to ensure the quality and quantity of our water resources, such as help in developing erosion control programs.

### Air Quality

drawing up plans acceptable to local communities for ridding the air of harmful pollutants, and helping area residents choose ways to improve air quality.



### **Economic Development**

planning for the wisest balance of environmental and economic concerns, considering the jobs, housing and transportation needs of the region.

### **Local Technical Assistance**

providing information on state and federal programs and assisting with grant applications, to help local communities improve services.

maintaining regional information files, maps and reports, including projections on population, jobs, housing, land use and other socio-economic data, to guide local planners and decision-makers.

offering computerized services such as BASIS, which holds geographical and development data about



every parcel of land in the Bay Area.

sponsoring DIAMETRICS, a subsidiary, non-profit corporation that researches and develops management programs, techniques and services for both public and private sectors. A major service is the award-winning CRIS system, which helps local governments predict the public costs and benefits of new projects.

#### **Seismic Safety**

helping local governments prepare for the possibility of earthquake damage and liability problems.

#### **Housing**

coordinating the efforts of the private sector and local governments to find ways to provide a more adequate supply of affordable housing.

## **Working Together for the Future of the San Francisco Bay Area...**

**T**he Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is one of nearly 700 regional planning agencies across the nation working to help solve problems in areas such as environmental quality, housing, transportation and economic development.

ABAG is owned and operated by the cities and counties of the San Francisco Bay Area. It was established by them in 1961 to protect local control, plan for the future, and promote cooperation on areawide issues.

In ABAG's region there are 93 cities and the nine counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma. Over five million people live in this 7,000 square mile area. Another one million are expected by the year 2000.

Where will these people live, where will they work, will transportation be adequate? How can we control air and water pollution, will water supplies be sufficient? Are we prepared for a major natural disaster? These are the kinds of questions that cannot be addressed easily without cooperative action among many agencies, organizations and the general public.

Through its role as an association of cities and counties, ABAG has been designated by the state and federal governments as the official comprehensive planning agency for the Bay Area. Its locally adopted Regional Plan provides a policy guide for planning the region's housing, economic development, environmental quality, transportation, recreation, health and safety.

**O**ne of ABAG's vital functions is to provide a forum to resolve local differences through workable compromises. Its active public information and public participation program encourages citizen involvement in planning and policy decisions. The association also sponsors workshops and conferences where local officials, business, industry, special interest groups and private citizens can discuss programs,

regulations and legislation affecting their communities.

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ABAG's professional staff is headed by an executive director and contains specialists in such fields as public administration, urban planning, environmental resources, engineering, economics, law, business administration, demography and communications. They provide technical assistance to member governments and the background information needed by the association's policy-making bodies.

The **General Assembly** is the overall governing body of the organization. It meets at least twice a year to adopt the budget and overall work program, review major actions taken by the Executive Board, and adopt regional policies and plans. Each member city and county sends one representative to this body.

**A**BAG's operations are directed by an **Executive Board** composed of up to 38 elected officials from member cities and counties. The Board meets monthly to discuss and resolve regional concerns, make operating decisions, control expenditures, and recommend major policies to the General Assembly.

The **Regional Planning Committee** oversees the agency's planning programs and makes recommendations to the Executive Board. It is composed of local elected officials and representatives of business, labor, community organizations and other regional agencies.

Much of ABAG's work is carried on by committees appointed by the Executive Board, including joint committees with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Advisory committees and task forces are appointed from time to time to oversee special programs in areas such as air quality, water quality, energy and economic development.

All meetings are open to the public. For further information, contact ABAG's public affairs office.

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